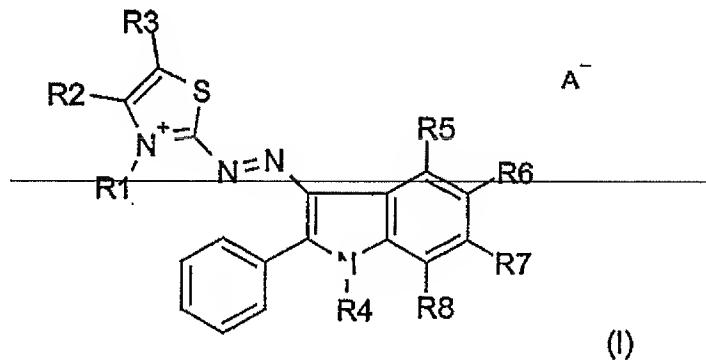


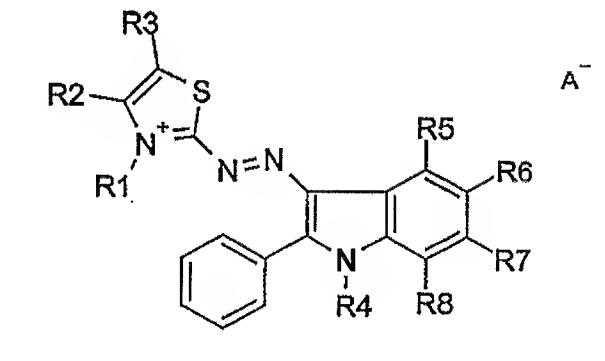
AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent for coloring keratin fibers comprising:
~~characterized in that it contains~~
water;
optionally at least one monohydric alcohol with 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
optionally at least one dihydric or trihydric alcohol with 2 to 6 carbon atoms;
at least one cosmetic additive selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, cationic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants, nonionic surfactants, zwitterionic surfactants, thickeners, hair-care agents, moisturizers, electrolytes, antioxidants, fatty amides, sequestering agents, film-forming agents, and preservatives; and
at least one indolylthiazoliumazo dye of general formula (I)





wherein

R1 is a saturated or unsaturated (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a halogen atom substituted (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a hydroxy-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, an amino-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a di(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a cyano-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted benzyl group;

R2 and **R3** can be equal or different and independently of each other stand for hydrogen, a halogen atom, a saturated or unsaturated (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a (C₁-C₁₂)-alkoxy group, a nitro group, an amino group, a (C₁-C₁₂)-alkylamino group, a di(C₁-C₁₂)-alkylamino group, a (C₁-C₁₂)-hydroxyalkylamino group, a di(C₁-C₁₂)-hydroxyalkylamino group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group;

R4 stands for hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a halogen atom - substituted (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a hydroxy-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, an amino-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a (C₁-C₆)-alkylamino-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a di(C₁-C₆)-alkylamino-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a cyano-(C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted benzyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group;

R5, **R6**, **R7** and **R8** can be equal or different and independently of each other stand for hydrogen, a halogen atom, a saturated or unsaturated (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group, a hydroxyl group, a (C₁-C₁₂)-alkoxy group, a nitro group, an amino group, a (C₁-C₁₂)-alkylamino group or a di(C₁-C₁₂)-alkylamino group, and

A⁻ stands for an anion of an organic or inorganic acid.

2. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that wherein **R1** stands for a saturated or unsaturated (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group and **R4** stands for hydrogen, a saturated or unsaturated (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group.

3. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 2, characterized in that wherein **R1** stands for a saturated (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group and **R4** stands for hydrogen, a saturated (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl group or an un-substituted phenyl group.

4. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that wherein **A⁻** stands for a chloride, bromide, iodide, hydrogen sulfate, sulfate, toluenesulfonate, benzenesulfonate, monomethylsulfate, hexafluorophosphate, hexafluoroantimonate, tetrafluororborate, tetraphenylborate, formate, acetate or propionate anion.

5. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from among 3-methyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium chloride, 3-methyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium bromide, 3-methyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium monomethylsulfate, 3,4-dimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium chloride, 3,4-dimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium bromide, 3,4-dimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium monomethylsulfate, 3,5-dimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium chloride, 3,5-dimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-azo]-thiazolium bromide, 3,5-dimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium monomethylsulfate, 3,4,5-trimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium chloride, 3,4,5-trimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium bromide, 3,4,5-trimethyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium monomethylsulfate, 5-bromo-3-methyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium chloride, 5-bromo-3-methyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium bromide, 5-bromo-3-methyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium monomethylsulfate, 5-methoxy-3-methyl-2-[(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-

yl)azo]thiazolium chloride, 5-methoxy-3-methyl-2-[(1,2-diphenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium bromide and 5-methoxy-3-methyl-2-[(1,2-diphenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)azo]thiazolium monomethylsulfate.

6. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the agent it contains the compound of formula (I) in an amount from 0.01 to 10 weight percent.

7. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the agent it contains at least one additional direct dye.

8. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 7, characterized in that wherein the agent it contains the additional direct dye in a total amount from 0.01 to 4 weight percent.

9. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the agent it additionally contains oxidation dye precursors and before use is mixed with an oxidant.

10. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the agent it has a pH ranging from 3 to 10.

11. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the agent it contains at least one natural polymer, synthetic polymer or modified polymer of natural origin commonly used in cosmetic agents and is in the form of a tinting fixative or dye fixative.

12. (Currently Amended) Agent An agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the agent it is a hair colorant.